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Office Action Summary

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-- The MAILING DATE of this communication appears on the cover sheet with the correspondence address --

Period for Reply

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Status

- 1) ☒ Responsive to communication(s) filed on 20 August 2003.
- 2a) ☐ This action is **FINAL**. 2b) ☒ This action is non-final.
- 3) ☐ Since this application is in condition for allowance except for formal matters, prosecution as to the merits is closed in accordance with the practice under *Ex parte Quayle*, 1935 C.D. 11, 453 O.G. 213.

Disposition of Claims

- 4) ☒ Claim(s) 1-18 is/are pending in the application.
- 4a) Of the above claim(s) _____ is/are withdrawn from consideration.
- 5) ☐ Claim(s) _____ is/are allowed.
- 6) ☒ Claim(s) 1-18 is/are rejected.
- 7) ☐ Claim(s) _____ is/are objected to.
- 8) ☐ Claim(s) _____ are subject to restriction and/or election requirement.

Application Papers

- 9) ☐ The specification is objected to by the Examiner.
- 10) ☒ The drawing(s) filed on 20 August 2003 is/are: a) ☒ accepted or b) ☐ objected to by the Examiner.
Applicant may not request that any objection to the drawing(s) be held in abeyance. See 37 CFR 1.85(a).
Replacement drawing sheet(s) including the correction is required if the drawing(s) is objected to. See 37 CFR 1.121(d).
- 11) ☐ The oath or declaration is objected to by the Examiner. Note the attached Office Action or form PTO-152.

Priority under 35 U.S.C. § 119

- 12) ☐ Acknowledgment is made of a claim for foreign priority under 35 U.S.C. § 119(a)-(d) or (f).
- a) ☐ All b) ☐ Some * c) ☐ None of:
- ☐ Certified copies of the priority documents have been received.
 - ☐ Certified copies of the priority documents have been received in Application No. _____.
 - ☐ Copies of the certified copies of the priority documents have been received in this National Stage application from the International Bureau (PCT Rule 17.2(a)).

* See the attached detailed Office action for a list of the certified copies not received.

Attachment(s)

- ☒ Notice of References Cited (PTO-892)
- ☐ Notice of Draftsperson's Patent Drawing Review (PTO-948)
- ☒ Information Disclosure Statement(s) (PTO-1449 or PTO/SB/08)
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- ☐ Interview Summary (PTO-413)
Paper No(s)/Mail Date. _____.
- ☐ Notice of Informal Patent Application (PTO-152)
- ☐ Other: _____.

DETAILED ACTION

Claim Rejections - 35 USC § 103

1. The following is a quotation of 35 U.S.C. 103(a) which forms the basis for all obviousness rejections set forth in this Office action:

(a) A patent may not be obtained though the invention is not identically disclosed or described as set forth in section 102 of this title, if the differences between the subject matter sought to be patented and the prior art are such that the subject matter as a whole would have been obvious at the time the invention was made to a person having ordinary skill in the art to which said subject matter pertains. Patentability shall not be negated by the manner in which the invention was made.

2. Claims 1-3, 5-9 and 11 -15 are rejected under 35 U.S.C. 103(a) as being unpatentable over Spagnoli et al (5,466,911) in view of Schmidt (6,730,877).

Spagnoli teaches substantially the claimed invention comprising a window assembly or kit 100 for heating a side window 102 comprising a glass sheet, having side view mirror 112, a heater 114 with line 116 located below a nominal door line 117, a power supply 122, a controller 128 with switching capabilities (col. 4, lines 46-54) and timer means 130 electrically coupled to the controller 128 in order to interrupt electrical current to the heater (col. 4, lines 46-54), but does not teach a single, continuous electrical conductor and a pair of conductor pads. Schmidt teaches a heating element 16 with protective insulating layers 18, 22 and mounted on a windshield, and conductor pads 24 and 26. It would have been obvious to one having ordinary skill in the art to modify Spagnoli's invention to include a heating element having an insulating layers as taught by Schmidt (col. 2, lines 65-67) and mounted on the glass by adhesive as conventional method of mounting the heating element on the glass, with a pair of conductor pads located below a door line as taught by Spagnoli (col. 4, lines 2-14) and in the area adjacent the side window to heat a windshield as taught by Schmidt (col. 2, lines 61-67), and positioned

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by an operator's line of sight to the side view mirror of the vehicle in order to assure the best visibility for the driver of the car. .

3. Claims 4, 10 and 16-18 and rejected under 35 U.S.C. 103(a) as being unpatentable over Spagnoli in view of Schmidt and further in view of Furuuchi et al (3,864,659).

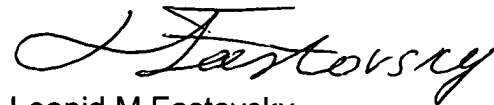
Spagnoli in view of Schmidt discloses substantially the claimed invention including a timer 130 electrically coupled to the controller 128 in order to interrupt electrical current to the heater (col. 4, lines 46-54), but is silent about a moisture sensor. Furuuchi discloses a humidity sensor (Fig. 1). It would have been obvious to one having ordinary skill in the art to modify the invention of Spagnoli in view of Schmidt to include a moisture sensor in order to automatically detect the formation of condensed moisture as taught by Furuuchi (Claim 1, lines 1-6).

Any inquiry concerning this communication or earlier communications from the examiner should be directed to Leonid M Fastovsky whose telephone number is 703-306-5482. The examiner can normally be reached on M-Th. 8.00 am -6.00 pm.

If attempts to reach the examiner by telephone are unsuccessful, the examiner's supervisor, Denise Pothier can be reached on 703-308-0265. The fax phone number for the organization where this application or proceeding is assigned is 703-872-9306.

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